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AMENDMENTS

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1. – 20. (Canceled)

21. (Original) A method for adding a caller to a broadcast/multicast in a circuit-switched network, comprising:

receiving a call at a first switch directed to a called number;

determining whether a connection to the called number is already established at a second switch;

if the connection is already established at the second switch, routing the call to the second switch; and

merging the call with the active connection at the second switch.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21 wherein the step of determining whether an active connection to the called number is already established at a second switch includes querying the second switch.

23. (Original) A method of dropping a caller's station from a broadcast/multicast in a circuit-switched network, comprising:

signaling from a first switch to a second switch to indicate that the caller's station is to be dropped from the broadcast/multicast, and

if the second switch is not a switch where a call from the caller's station was originally merged into an active connection, then

the second switch signaling a third switch to indicate that the caller's station is to be dropped from the broadcast/multicast.

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24. (Original) The method of claim 23 further comprising:
if the second switch is not a switch where a call from the caller's station was originally
merged into an active connection,
the second switch decrementing a counter.

25. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:
if the counter equals zero,
the second switch deactivating an activity indicator.

26. (Original) The method of claim 24 further comprising:
if the counter equals zero,
the second switch maintaining an activity indicator in an active state.